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Reply to Examiner's Action dated 11/02/2005

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Applicants originally submitted Claims 1-21 in the application and added Claims 22-30 in a preliminary amendment. In a previous response and a preliminary amendment, the Applicants amended Claims 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22, 24 and 29, canceled Claim 23 without prejudice or disclaimer and added Claims 31-32.

The Examiner indicates that dependent Claims 2, 9 and 16 include allowable subject matter. To expedite issuance of the present application, the Applicants have amended independent Claims 1, 8 and 15 and have canceled Claims 2, 9, 16, 22 and 24-32 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, Claims 1, 3-8, 10-15 and 17-21 are currently pending in the application.

#### **I. Rejection of Claims 1, 3-8, 10-15 and 17-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102**

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 3-8, 10-15 and 17-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,267,261 to Blakenley, *et al.* The rejection, however, is now moot since independent Claims 1, 8 and 15 include allowable subject matter. Thus, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the §102 rejection with respect to Claims 1, 3-8, 10-15 and 17-21 and allow issuance thereof.

#### **II. Rejection of Claims 22, 24, 28 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §102**

The Examiner rejected Claims 22, 24, 28 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,122,291 to Robinson, *et al.* (Robinson). The rejection, however, is now moot since Claims 22, 24, 28 and 30 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The

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Applicants, therefore, respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the § 102 rejection with respect to Claims 22, 24, 28 and 30 and allow issuance of the pending claims.

### **III. Rejection of Claims 25-27, 29 and 31-32 under 35 U.S.C. §103**

The Examiner has rejected Claims 25-27, 29 and 31-32 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Robinson in view of either: US Patent No. 6,122,291 to Frodigh, *et al.*, US Patent No. 6,122,291 to Felix, *et al.* or Blakenley. The rejection, however, is now moot since Claims 25-27, 29 and 31-32 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The Applicants, therefore, respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the §103 rejection with respect to Claims 25-27, 29 and 31-32 and allow issuance of the pending claims.

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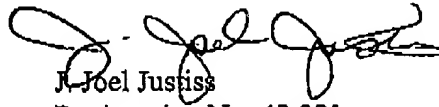
**IV. Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicants now see all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1, 3-8, 10-15 and 17-21.

The Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, credits or overpayments to Deposit Account 08-2395.

Respectfully submitted,

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